

DESERT AIRMAN

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362 Det merges with 372 TRS

By Capt. Chrissy Cuttita
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 372nd Training Squadron expanded in February when the 362nd Training Squadron's Operating Location-C merged into its squadron during a recent reorganization at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, that assigned all crew chief hands-on training operating locations to host field training detachments.

At Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, both are unique maintenance training tenant units of the 82nd Training Wing, SAFB under 2nd Air Force, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

The 362nd TRS is the schoolhouse for the last phase of A-10 crew chief technical training. Graduates obtain their 3-level rating and head out to the field for the first time.

At the 372nd TRS mechanics take time from the field to refresh their skills in A-10, EC-130 and F-16 aircraft maintenance. Students can enroll in up to 61 different courses varying in length from three days to six weeks.

Together as Detachment 11, both units teach specific hands-on component training to maintenance personnel. Military training instructors provide nec-

essary administrative assistance and additional instruction to technical school students.

Ranked number one of 27 detachments for three of the last five quarters, Det. 11 recently won detachment of the quarter for their training group, number one of 44. Ninety percent of the instructors hold a seven-level and 20 percent are available to assist A-10 and EC-130 squadrons on base to reach their objectives, trouble shoot problems, inspect areas or administer upgrade training to troops. Last year they spent 2,462 hours on D-M's flightline with those units.

"We have a really good working relationship with the host wing here (355th Wing)," said Capt. Michael Wigen, Det. 11 commander. "Shops here are avid about calling us when they need help. We like to emphasize, our instructors can provide assistance on any day or on any shift." For example, after a mid-air collision in January 2002, 372nd TRS instructors loaned their A-10 egress trainer to the safety investigation board. The trainer was loaded on a flatbed and taken out to the mishap site so the board could better visualize egress procedures. During an A-10 gun mishap, Detachment 11 provided the interim

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Heat is on



Master Sgt. Charles Ramey

Airman 1st Class Richard Page repairs a picket driver used for installation of concertina wire at a desert air base. Page, a civil engineer structures specialist from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, is currently deployed with the 444th Air Expeditionary Group supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Main gate closure

The Craycroft Road Gate will be closed about four to eight months beginning May 1 due to a city project to reengineer the Golflinks and Craycroft roads intersection. The Swan Road Gate will be open 24 hours a day through this project. See next week's *Desert Airman* for updated information.

SGLI premiums going down in July

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced that premiums for the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance will be reduced, handing military members a few extra dollars in their pockets each month.

Beginning in July, the cost for a \$250,000 policy — the maximum coverage — will drop

from \$20 to \$16.25 monthly, a \$3.75 savings. The VA reports that rates for Veterans Group Life Insurance will not change.

"All members assigned to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base should see the SGLI deduction

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Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to **contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here.** Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to:
355thWingCommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone.

We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.



Col. Larry Stutzriem
355th Wing Commander

Agency numbers

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Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584

Unfair treatment

Comment: I live in Kachina Village. My husband is deployed, like many other military members, and I have two special needs children. I mowed my lawn the other day, but didn't have the time to complete the edging.

Housing, of course, came by and left their usual 'love note,' directing us to do our yard work. I understand the rules and the work will be done when I have the chance. However, my neighbor across the street has a yard that needs to be mowed and edged; her husband is not deployed, and yet housing says nothing to them.

Why are the yard standards not being uniformly enforced? I find it hard to believe the families affected by deployments are being held to a higher standard.

Response: Thank you for your call. You are correct about not all of your neighbors receiving yard notices. The housing inspector was not able to complete the whole area due to other housing appointments.

Unfortunately, sometimes housing inspectors are required to stop yard inspections in an area to conduct other housing inspections, such as initial, pre-move or finals. However, all inspectors have been briefed to complete yard inspections on the whole street prior to leaving the area.

All yard inspections are conducted fairly and by no means are deployed personnel families held to a higher standard. The housing office has been working especially hard with deployed personnel first sergeants to assist spouses in maintaining their area of responsibility.

If you have any other questions, or need assistance, please call Yvonne Brabham, facility chief, at 228-6609; Ruby Modica, housing manager, at 228-4264; or your

spouse's first sergeant.

Airmen kudos

Comment: I had a flat tire after eating lunch at the officers club. I was starting to jack up my car to put the doughnut on and some troops came by to help. They were high-graded troops who did this: Master Sgt. Steve Canter, 355th Medical Group first sergeant; Senior Master Sgt. Peggy Nelson, 355th Dental Squadron superintendent; and now retired Chief Master Sgt. Leslie McGowan, former 355th MDG superintendent. They did a fine job for an octogenarian and I appreciate it so much.

Response: Thank you for sharing this compliment with us. The 355th Wing and the 355th Medical Group are truly blessed with leadership who epitomize our core values. They go above and beyond, even when no one is around to witness their unselfish acts of kindness.

Master Sgt. Steve Canter, 355th Medical Group first sergeant; Senior Master Sgt. Peggy Nelson, 355th Dental Squadron superintendent; and retired Chief Master Sgt. Leslie McGowan, former 355th MDG superintendent are excellent mentors who have improved the medical group and impressed our customers in and out of the clinic. They have touched many lives with their dedication, work ethics and character.

It is a pleasure to respond to these compliments. Thank you for sharing your observations.

Team D-M Mission Spotlight



Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda

Army and Air Force Exchange Service cashier, Judy Kuehn (left), checks out Sheila Howey, 355th Wing Military and Civilian Equal Opportunity Office. AAFES shopping privileges are limited to members with valid identification.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, also known as the base exchange, is located in Building 2441. Shopping privileges are limited to those who have valid identification cards. The BX hours are Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Military clothing sales is also located within the main store. It is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sundays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Concessionaires are located just outside the BX. Included are: base laundry and dry cleaners, tailor shop, barber shop, beauty shop, flower shop (which also offers gift wrapping),

watch repair shop, optical shop, nutrition center, Mexican imports and a Southwestern gift shop. All are open Mondays through Saturdays.

Other base exchange operations include a shoppette, service station, theater, Burger King, T-shirt shop, laundromat, snack bar, fun food (at the main store entrance), class six store and home and garden center.

"AAFES goes where service members go," said Dewey Brown, AAFES general manager. "We currently have three associates deployed and six more awaiting passports, then they too will be on their way."

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TSP open season to last until June

By **Stephanie Ritter**
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 2003 Thrift Savings Plan open season began Tuesday and lasts until June 30.

"The Thrift Savings Plan is a Federal Government-sponsored savings and investment plan," said Clayton Moore, 355th Mission Support Squadron base personal financial program manager. It is a program designed to be a supplement to military and civilian retirement plans.

During the open season, civilian and military employees can sign up for or change current TSP accounts. Employees already contributing to the TSP are encouraged to review their TSP plan and account balances.

"The beauty of TSP is that the member controls the allocation of their own account," said Moore. "Deposits can only be made from a member's base pay, incentive or special pays and must be made by allotment only."

According to Moore, the fact that investment money is deposited directly from each paycheck makes it easy for participants to save.

While investing in TSP is made as simple as possible, there are several things people should keep in mind before signing up.

"Since this is a long-term investment plan, we highly recommend members have an established savings plan before committing funds to this program to ensure their TSP account is not used for emergencies or day-to-day living," said Moore.

Those with TSP accounts are allowed to take out loans and make withdrawals from their TSP accounts.

In addition, those who participate in TSP do not have to intend to retire from the service in order to be eligible.

"Accounts may be maintained after separation or retirement," said Moore. "Alternatively, a member could roll their money over into another 401K that is sponsored by their new employer or they may decide to roll the money into a rollover IRA."

TSP invests in stock index funds, which means people are not limited to investing in stocks but can choose safer government securities as well.

The five TSP funds are: the Government Securities Investment (G) Fund; the Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund; the Fixed Income Index Investment (F) Fund; the Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment (S) Fund; and the International Stock Index Investment (I) Fund.

"TSP is one of the best investment plans on the market," Moore added. "In reality, it is the only investment that pays immediately, given the reduction in taxes." TSP offers investors the chance for lower

taxes each year they contribute while not having to pay taxes on earnings until they reach retirement.

The family support center offers seminars on TSP to provide people with a forum for any questions or concerns they may have. The next seminar is scheduled for May 16. Additional information is also available at the TSP Web site at www.tsp.gov.

For more information on the family support center TSP seminar, or for questions not answered by the TSP Web site, call 228-5690.

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— Clayton Moore
355th Mission Support Squadron financial manager

News Notes

Passes required for visitors

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base personnel are reminded that, regardless of the force condition level, all visitors to base 16 years of age or older need a pass. Passes can be obtained from the visitor's center Mondays through Fridays from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information, call 228-3224.

Support the troops rallies

A number of local Tucson organizations are planning on holding "Support the Troops" rallies. While the rallies are intended to show their appreciation for the military, they do have the potential to become political events. All military personnel should follow two main rules: (1) only attend these events in a personal capacity, not on official time and (2) do not attend in uniform.

New diabetes monitors

The 355th Medical Group pharmacy is having classes Thursday for diabetic patients and now offers the new Precision Xtra blood glucose monitor. The classes are in the clinic next to the pharmacy lobby. Diabetes professionals will teach proper use of the machine. The classes are first come, first served and are offered on the hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be no charge for the class or the monitor. For more information, call 228-2848.

MPF closure

The 355th Military Personnel Flight will be closed today for an official squadron function. The MPF will reopen for regular business hours Monday.

Legal office hours change

Effective immediately, legal service hours have changed. Legal assistance and same-day will preparation are offered Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. Active-duty members in uniform have priority the first hour. Notary services, powers of attorney and in lieu of tax form services are Mondays through Fridays from 8 to 10 a.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Evening legal assistance is offered the second Wednesday of every month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-5242.

Family support center closure

The family support center will be closed today due to an official unit function. In case of an emergency they can be reached through the command post at 228-7400.

103 airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

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*Months of physical labor, hours of sweat,
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New outdoor-rec paintball field opens today

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Services Squadron Outdoor Recreation Office is scheduled to celebrate the opening of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's new paintball field today from 2 to 6 p.m. off of Yuma Road next to the archery range.

"There will be a burger burn offering free burgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and more," said Connie Knoob, 355th SVS outdoor recreation manager. "Everyone is welcome."

There might even be some paintball games today if there are people willing to get down and dirty, according to Knoob. But the regular hours of the paintball field will be Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for people who want to walk in and play. The age limit is 10 years and up.

For \$20, people can rent a semi-automatic marker (paintball gun), goggles, mask, CO2 cartridge, 200 rounds of ammunition and play all day on the field. Extra rounds are available for purchase and only paintballs purchased from outdoor recreation will be allowed on the range.

"We can't have people freezing their paintballs and bringing them in to play," said Knoob. "For that and other reasons we only allow our paintballs to be used." This and all other safety precautions are given very vigilant attention by outdoor recreation.

"We take safety very seriously," said Deborah King, 355th SVS outdoor recreation assistant. King is one of the paintball field supervisors on the weekends. "I have a zero tolerance for carelessness. People violating safety rules will be warned once and kicked off for a second of-

fense," she said.

People with their own gear can rent individual pieces of equipment and only pay a \$5 field fee to play.

The Outdoor Recreation Office has made the paintball field available seven days a week for reservation of private group events.

According to Knoob, many people have come together to make this all possible.

"The idea came from the D-M Airman Advisory Council and Airmen Against Drunk Driving last year," she said. "We were approved \$28,000 in non-appropriated funds and we used all of it and then some." Squadrons donated sandbags and other items and the Aerospace Maintenance and Re-

generation Center donated some old aircraft support modules. However, outdoor recreation received more than just squadron level help.

"We started building the range around mid-November, and by December we had as many as 20 volunteers," said Knoob. "Since the new year, we've had approximately 1,000 volunteerman hours put into it." Many people helped with the field because of their love of the game.

"This is really a fun game the whole family can enjoy," said King. "All the work will be worth it if we can see a lot of people enjoy it all." Of course, the work didn't come without its challenges.

"We have put a great deal of labor into this. I think the hardest part was digging the holes



Brandon Hesterman (left) and Deborah King, both 355th Services Squadron outdoor recreation assistants, throw some camouflage netting on an obstacle as one of the finishing touches to the new paintball field, which is now open for business.

for the fence posts," said Brandon Hesterman, 355th SVS outdoor recreation assistant.

"This ground is hard and full of rocks," Knoob said the bigger challenges, however, did not involve labor.

"It was really tough finding volunteers after all the deployments," she said. "It slows down the progress when you lose the manning." Nevertheless, the paintball field is finished and ready for action. All the Outdoor Recreation Office asks is that people come take advantage of it.

"I hope the community enjoys it," said Knoob. "We did it for them and if they use it, that will make all our work worthwhile."

For more information on rental fees and reservations, call the Outdoor Recreation Office at 228-3736.

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change in their Aug. 1 Leave and Earning Statements," said Robbie Robertson, 355th Mission Support squadron personnel affairs chief. "This will be an automatic procedure and no action should be needed by any member of the D-M community."

Tom Tower, the Department of Defense's assistant director for military compensation, welcomed the reduced premiums, adding that when you put "more money in the pockets of military members, it's always a good result."

Premiums will also be reduced for SGLI family coverage, with

rates varying among age groups.

The largest saving will go to spouses 35 to 39 years old, whose premiums will be nearly cut in half. Servicemembers currently pay \$13 for a \$100,000 family policy. That policy will cost \$7.50 beginning in July — a \$5.50 savings.

The reduced rates mean a military family will save an average of \$100 a year. VA officials estimate that servicemembers collectively will save about \$96 million annually in premiums, and \$42 million in family coverage premiums each year.

Tower said the reduced premiums are a result of an ongoing process to keep costs down for military members.

"The VA regularly checks to see

how much is paid out versus how much is collected in premiums, and whenever it seems like they have built up premium reserves, they like to reduce premiums to keep the cost to a minimum for the member," Tower said.

"It's part of the objective of the program: to provide the lowest cost possible."

The program began in 1965 to meet the insurance needs of Vietnam-era servicemembers. Before the SGLI program, the military provided \$10,000 policies to servicemembers, and insurance policies were available to active-duty military only.

Today the SGLI program provides coverage of \$250,000 to active-duty servicemembers and

most reservists.

Coverage of \$100,000 has also been provided for spouses of participating members with free coverage of \$10,000 for dependent children. Reduced levels of coverage may also be elected.

Information about the change in SGLI premiums can be found at www.insurance.va.gov, or call the office of Servicemembers Group Life Insurance toll free at (800) 419-1473.

For more information or if you have questions regarding your SGLI deductions, bring a copy of your LES to the Military Personnel Customer Service Unit in Building 3200.

(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

TRICARE beneficiaries receive notice, extended privacy rights

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Medical Group followed suit with all other military and civilian hospitals Monday when they enacted a new privacy rule.

The rule, entitled the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, provides TRICARE beneficiaries with additional patient rights and standards for ensuring their health care information is adequately protected from unauthorized disclosures or uses.

"A basic right in the Military Health System and TRICARE, aside from the right to receive quality health care, is the right to keep one's healthcare information private," said June Rogers, 355th Medical Group HIPAA privacy officer.

According to Rogers, the implementation of the HIPAA Privacy Rule requires a change in organizational policies and procedures, business processes, staff behavior and organizational climate.

"The MHS has always had privacy and patient confidentiality standards in place to limit

unauthorized access or disclosures," said Rogers. "However, the new Privacy Rule provides additional safeguards for ensuring this information is adequately protected as well as providing new patient rights."

Under the Privacy Rule, beneficiaries have the right to review and receive a copy of their medical records or health care information maintained by the 355th MDG. Among other things, they may also request a restriction pertaining to certain uses or disclosures and request an amendment or correction in their medical records.

Under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, the Department of Defense MHS and TRICARE are required to inform beneficiaries about how their personal health care information is used, provide guidance

on their privacy rights and limit use and disclosure of personal health care information.

In an effort to increase awareness regarding the new Privacy Rule, each TRICARE sponsor should have received a copy of the MHS Notice of Privacy Practices. The notice was sent to those listed as eligible in the Defense En-

rollment Eligibility Reporting System starting in November.

"Basically, the NOPP puts in plain English how TRICARE and the system of military hospitals and clinics will use a beneficiary's information," said Rogers.

Members who did not receive a notice may obtain it from the TRICARE Management Activity Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/hipaa.

"Patients will be asked to sign an acknowledgment of receipt of the NOPP by signing a medical record label at their next scheduled appointment," said Rogers. "If they did not receive the notice, they will be provided one at that time."

Rogers pointed out that health care will in no way be conditioned upon a patient signing the acknowledgment of the notice. In fact, one may decline to sign. A signature simply indicates a beneficiary has received the notice.

"In a nutshell, there's no cost associated with HIPAA Privacy Rule to the patient," Rogers said. "The 355th Medical Group stands committed to ensure that a beneficiary's health information stays protected from unauthorized uses or disclosures. We uphold their rights with the Privacy Rule," Rogers added.

For questions, concerns or complaints regarding privacy rights, contact Rogers at 228-1560 or Barbara Hess, 355th MDG HIPAA project assistant at 228-1564.

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-June Rogers
355th Medical Group
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(south of Famous Sam's)
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safety investigation board guidance on how rounds are sequenced into the A-10's 30 mm GAU-8/A Gatling gun.

Instructors also train on the gun's scheduled back-shop maintenance that occurs every 12 months or 25,000 rounds. Students train in on-equipment maintenance, taking the gun on and off the aircraft. In the schoolhouse they learn off-equipment maintenance, disassembly, inspection and reassembly.

Inside their building a modified TF-34 engine, acquired from D-M's Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, is used to train A-10 propulsion mechanics.

During weekend flying hours in December instructors volunteered their time for flightline duty. Whatever day they could help they were there, launching more than 900 aircraft last year. Egress procedures in the F-16 give students the opportunity to practice how to eject from the pilot seat in a canopy trainer acquired from Luke Air

Force Base, Ariz. This training is mainly provided to the Arizona National Guard based at Tucson International Airport.

In addition, 372nd Air Force Repair Enhancement Program technicians teach U.S. based and Pacific Air Force based military personnel and civilians cost-saving circuit card repair, formally known as the Gold Flag program. The eight-seat prime schoolhouse sees Air Force faces from all over the world as well as a few Marine and Army personnel. A sister school is in Germany and seats four people.

"The Air Force entrusts us to educate this training and if students wash out, we fail," said Staff Sgt. David Ellis, 372nd TRS 2M instructor. The two courses are called 2M, miniature and micro miniature. The latter is named for smaller fragile components that require repair under microscope.

"It's not just soldering but entire circuit card repair," said Ellis. Students' training also includes removal, installation and laminating. In addition to training with equipment, there are SMART

Boards in all 372nd TRS classrooms. Looking like flat screen televisions hung on the wall, these computer presentation boards give the instructor the capability of maneuvering through a technical order, tracing through an 11-page schematic diagram with the use of one hand tool and operating three-dimensional graphics of airplane components as students would on the job.

"I'm practically paperless when teaching," said Tech. Sgt. James LaPenta, 372nd TRS instructor.

A visual picture of tasks maintenance personnel perform in a controlled environment is provided by SMART without having to tie up an operational aircraft. Approximately five instructors at SAFB create the interactive computer programs. Maintenance personnel are qualified to fill instructor slots at Det. 11. They take their experience in the field and combine it with system specific instruction, qualifications and continued training. The detachment expects a 33 percent turnover and most instructors go back to the field with up to seven years' experience as a trainer, making more qualified trainers in the field.



Capt. Chrissy Cuttita

Airman Jerry Smith, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, learns to assemble the fixed entrance shoot attached to the A-10's 30 mm gun.

Upon completion of training, students also receive up to six credits from the Community College of the Air Force. Det. 11 is proud of their mission and looks forward to future training opportunities and assisting the host to meet D-M's training demands.

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Airlines change luggage weight limits

By Cynthia Bauer

Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

Most major airlines have changed their checked baggage policy concerning weight limits and excess charges for luggage on domestic flights, according to Air Mobility Command transportation officials. These changes will affect military travelers.

"The carriers will continue to accept luggage up to 100 pounds per piece but significant fees will be charged after luggage exceeds

their weight limits," said John Lundebly, a traffic management specialist with Air Mobility Command headquarters.

"Most airlines allow two pieces of luggage, 50 pounds maximum each, to be checked free of charge. Bags exceeding 50 pounds, but less than 70 pounds, will be assessed an excess-baggage fee, normally around \$25 per bag. Bags between 70 and 100 pounds will be charged additional fees, normally around \$80 per bag. Bags weighing more

than 100 pounds will not be accepted."

Waivers are available to all military members, including active duty, guard, reserve and Coast Guard.

"The airlines do offer waivers to allow military personnel on orders to check luggage that weighs over the limit, but not to exceed 70 pounds, without paying an additional charge," said Lundebly.

"But each airline has its own rules of what will be accepted

without an additional charge."

"Some airlines also restrict the waiver to types of luggage, he said. "For instance, one airline will apply the weight waiver to only one bag, which must be a military-issue bag, such as a duffel bag or B-4 bag."

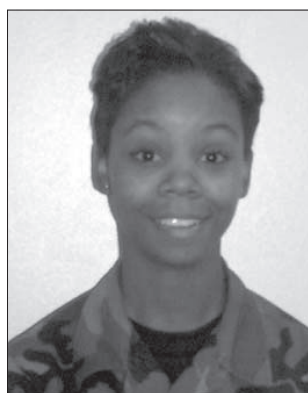
The waivers do not apply to family members or to Defense Department civilians, even if they are on official travel, and do not apply to servicemembers on leisure travel.

Carriers with domestic flights, including Northwest Airlines,

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Final Answer

How does your job contribute to the mission?



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Crystal Richardson**
355th Mission
Support Squadron

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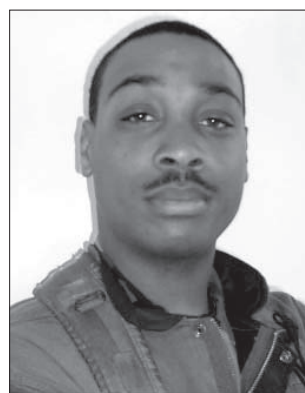
**Tech. Sgt.
David Rosario**
355th Equipment
Maintenance Squadron

"Our job basically keeps planes in the air as far as maintenance, and equipment to fix aircraft, our equipment is needed and it's also used to load bombs."



**Airman 1st Class
Katherine Santos**
355th Civil
Engineer Squadron

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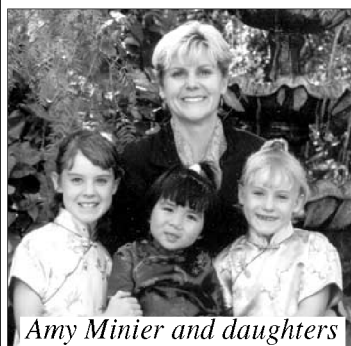
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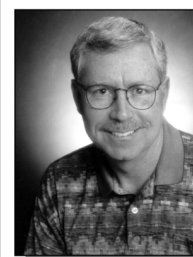
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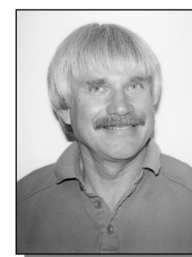
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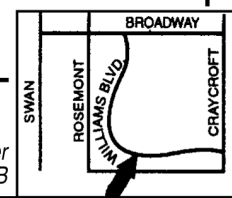
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Air Force announces productivity excellence awards

Five Air Force teams and three people received top honors for their money-saving improvements to the Air Force April 10 at the Pentagon.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's Robert Wyatt, 355th Maintenance Group Air Force Engineering Technical Service engineer, was one of the award recipients. Wyatt earned top honors for developing the TF34 lube system "flow check" tester.

The Air Force Productivity Excellence Award recognizes Air Force airmen, civilians and small groups who have made substantial improvements in productivity. The winners' efforts resulted in \$63 mil-

lion in tangible savings. Those improvements came as suggestions through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program, special acts and other management initiatives.

Lt. Gen. Richard Brown, deputy chief of staff for personnel, presented the awards.

Other recipients of this year's Air Force Productivity Excellence Award include:

- ◆ 363rd Expeditionary Security Forces Team at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia.
- ◆ C-5 Pylon Conebolt Corrosion Removal Team at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
- ◆ Internet-Based Advanced Distributed

Learning Team at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

◆ System Capable of Progressive Expansion Team at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

◆ Systems Control Course System Administration Team at Keesler.

◆ Master Sgt. Kevin Rowley for his egress apprentice course redesign at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

◆ Joseph Poniatowski for establishing the cellular blanket purchase agreement at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. (*Courtesy of the Air Force Manpower and Innovation Agency*)

Luggage

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American Airlines, United Airlines and Delta Airlines have already put new policies into effect. Continental Airlines made changes to their policy Tuesday.

"The best advice I can give travelers is to check with the airlines on the weight restrictions before traveling, either through the carrier's Web site or by calling their toll-free number," said Lundebly.

Ticket agents and local traffic management offices can access each carrier's baggage rules and waivers through their computer

reservation system.

"If you think your checked bags will exceed 50 pounds each, make sure you have excess baggage authorized (on) your official orders," he said.

"Travel pay will not reimburse you for excess baggage fees unless you have this authorization."

Lundebly said that travelers on AMC Patriot Express flights are

allowed two checked bags at 70 pounds maximum for each bag.

Commanders may approve excess baggage in the traveler's orders. Passengers on AMC space-available flights have the same limit of two bags at 70 pounds each; however space-A travelers are not authorized excess baggage.



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Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda

Sonoran Spotlight

Name: Master Sgt. Tony Cordova

Organization: 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Duty title: Assistant Fabrication Flight chief

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Years of service: Twenty-four years

Reason for joining the Air Force: I wanted to learn a trade and do something to make a difference.

Main responsibilities: Manage four different aircraft maintenance Air Force specialty codes and maintenance actions on C-130 and A-10 aircraft

Best aspects of job: The best aspects are the people I work with

and taking care of younger troops

Goals: Retire and continue my education

Hobbies/outside activities: Watching sports, especially the Denver Broncos, playing golf and listening to jazz

Favorite thing about D-M: The weather because it allows you to play golf year round

Best assignment: D-M because of the many good friends I have made here and the great weather

Inspiration: My wife, Carmen, for being a great mother and putting up with me during our 22 years of marriage

Sharp Troop Awards

The following airmen were selected as Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Chiefs' Group March sharp troops for their outstanding military appearance and bearing:

Airman Lisa Bridges

355th Medical Support Squadron

Airman 1st Class Adrian Salazar

355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Airman 1st Class Brandon Andrews

612th Air Communications Squadron

Staff Sgt. Valerie Harris

12th Air Force

Mentorship Memo

April 27 through May 3 is National Volunteer Week. The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base community offers several opportunities to help celebrate the week and have several examples of people who incorporate volunteerism daily. One example of the dedication and hard work can be seen in the base pharmacy. There is also a huge continuing need for volunteers at the pharmacy and the Retirees Activities Office.

"Volunteers help fill those voids

by dedicating their time over and over again to keep the pharmacy running smoothly," said Jackie Abell, 355th Mission Support Center Volunteer Resource Program manager.

Another example of people who make volunteerism a way of life is the Volunteer Advisory Council. Council members are points of contact who also volunteer for the above agencies.

"They (VAC) get down and dirty and volunteer themselves," said Abell.

Some perks that come with volunteering include experience to put on a resume, certificates of appreciation, and the opportunity to meet people and learn about the community.

To become a volunteer, call Abell in the family support center at 228-5690.

(Editor's note: "Integrity, Service, Excellence" is a forum for all D-M units to submit the names of their people who have earned recognition through monthly and quarterly awards, graduation from formal training and outstanding Career Development Course Scores. Submissions must include name, rank, unit and type of award earned. This is not a forum to announce retirements, decorations, obituaries and awards from civilian organizations. Individual and unit awards from command level and higher may be covered as a news story space permitting. Contributions can be made directly to the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office, Building 2300, Suite 2054, or through e-mail to desert.airman@dm.af.mil.)

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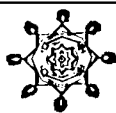
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In addition, the *Desert Airman* staff is always looking for photos for possible use in future additions of the Photo Caption Contest. Please send all photos to the *Desert Airman* at the e-mail address listed above for consideration.

(Editor's note: "The Lighter Side" is a forum for all D-M members to submit original, previously unpublished Department of Defense, Air Force, 355th Wing and D-M comics, cartoons, photographs and humorous military stories and quotes. "The Lighter Side" is for entertainment purposes only. Political satire and altered photographs will not be published. Contributions for "The Lighter Side" can be made directly to the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office, Building 2300, Suite 2054, or through e-mail to desert.airman@dm.af.mil. The editor can be reached directly at 228-5714.)

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Youth center offers club for D-M teens

By Capt. Chrissy Cuttita
355th Wing Public Affairs

Every Thursday evening teens gather at Davis-Monthan's youth center to discuss future opportunities to become educated, serve the community and have some fun.

The youth center's Keystone Club, chartered by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, by definition is a small group leadership development club for young people ages 14 to 18. Keystoneers elect officers, choose their own activities and plan and implement community service projects.

It is all about venturing out and getting new experiences said Kathy Sands, 355th Services Family Member Support Flight Teen Programs director. Sands keeps a schedule full for teens and provides chaperons to the group on their many adventures.

"I'll take them wherever they want," said Sands. "All that matters is that they have a good time."

"Our paintball trip was the most fun activity," said Christina Ferris, 15, daughter of Army Staff Sgt. Leopold Hancock, Army Reserve Center soldier. Ferris also enjoyed the variety of community service she volunteered to do with the teens like fundraisers, reading to children at the base child development center and selling food items at the base Lee Greenwood concert.

"It's absolutely awesome," said

Anna Ambrosio, 14, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Leonard Ambrosio, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, currently on a remote assignment. "It (Keystone) gives us the opportunity to do stuff we'd never get to do. I enjoy it a lot."

Every trip needs funding and these teens know that although programs can be provided by outside charities and Air Combat Command, they are responsible for raising a percentage of the monies.

A spaghetti dinner cooked, served and sold by teens, planned for May 2 at the youth center, is an event teens hope to make money on. In the meantime they can be seen selling popcorn, soda and necklaces at base baseball fields during games. They already made approximately three hundred dollars selling items at the base Lee Greenwood concert April 8.

In the near future, Keystoneers look forward to the youth center's ACC sponsored Teen Trail Club trips like rocks and ropes, tubing and white water rafting. This club provides high adventure and outdoor recreation activities for youth ages 13 to 18 years old.

It gives teens the chance to learn about equipment selection and care, safety, risk management and an appreciation for the environment.

Outdoor recreation experiences can enhance socialization skills, problem solving abilities,

conflict resolution and more, according to Sands.

The ultimate goal for the teens is to save enough money needed for a summer trip much like ones held in the past. Camping out at a Los Angeles base youth center was probably their favorite, according to Sands. Many attractions and theme parks can be seen in between the time needed to comb the beaches.

"We'll see Knotts Berry Farm or something like that," said Ferris.

"It's fun and educational," said Anthony Coleman, 15, son of Chief Master Sgt. Gary Coleman, 12th Air Force command chief master sergeant, when reflecting on trips and community service.

Summer months will be filled with a combination of work and play. Teens plan on setting up a weekly schedule to feed the homeless at a local church on Thursdays to add to their already slated community service reading books to children at the child development center on Wednesdays.

Some may even seek employment utilizing Tucson 4-H (which stands for head, heart, hands and health) sponsored Job Ready workshops that develop resume writing, work habits, problem solving and communication skills. With youth employment skills programs they can get college credit for their volunteer time through the Air Force Aid Society.

"We worked at the new gym last summer passing out towels, taking attendance and answering phones," said Anthony Davis, 15, son of Master Sgt. Minnie Jones, 305th Rescue Squadron operations superintendent and Master Sgt. Jay Jones, 362nd Recruiting Squadron flight chief. Davis said he thinks this experience and other volunteer work like keeping score at youth center basketball games will look good on his resume.

This summer teens have the opportunity to sit as jurors on the Pima county teen court in June to gain some experience. A teen aviation camp should start up this summer also.

In addition to all of the programs mentioned, they can also



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Adam Steelman, 14, son of retired Tech. Sgt. Ronald Steelman fills out a worksheet describing his employment skills during a teen resume building class at the youth center. He said his parents made him go.

take part in many of the other youth center programs such as youth sports, art contests, health and life skills workshops and other miscellaneous programs.

A national charter entitles a Keystone Club to participate in regional and national Keystone conferences.

Any DoD identification card holding teen can attend the events, participate in community service and join the Keystone Club. Current members have approximately one year experience in the club.

The youth center's goal is to give children opportunities to experience achievement, leadership, enjoyment and friendships through programs they offer for youth ages five through 18. There they can develop their physical, social, emotional and cognitive abilities through a variety of programs. For more information call 228-8844.

Editor's note: In observance of April being the Month of the Military Child, this is part two of a three-part feature about the base youth center. Articles focus on school-age programs and activities for children as well as, featuring pre-teen and teen programs. Part three will be published in a future edition of the Desert Airman.



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Saturday morning during baseball and softball opening ceremonies at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, members of the Keystone Club serve icy snow cones as part of a fundraiser to help finance club activities and community events.

Sports Shorts

Outdoor swimming pool hours

The outdoor swimming pool, located next to the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club, will open Saturday. The pool will only be open for open swim from noon to 5 p.m., and for family swim from 5 to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Daily fees are: child admission, \$1; children two and under, free; adult admission, \$2; guest admission, \$2.50; lap swim, \$1. For more information, contact outdoor recreation at 228-3736.

High-intensity interval workout

A high-intensity interval workout class, under the leadership of certified instructor Spring Clegg, meets every Wednesday and incorporates elements of cardio, strength conditioning, speed and plyometric drills, circuit training, core strengthening and stretching. The class meets at noon in the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center. The first class is free and \$2 a class thereafter. For more information, call 228-0021.

Outdoor recreation volunteers

Outdoor recreation is looking for volunteers to assist with adventure trips that will include hiking, fishing, backpacking and more. Volunteers will be able to lead trips, drive vans and more. For more information, call 228-3736.

Fitness classes

There is now a circuit training class Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center involving cardio aerobics, hand weights, jump ropes and more. There is also a new Hi/Low Aerobics class offered Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. at the new fitness and sports center. This class involves high and low intensity aerobics. For more information, call 228-0022.

Fiesta Health and Fitness Expo

The 355th Services Squadron's fitness and sports center will host their annual health and fitness expo May 9. This year's expo will be combined with a Cinco de Mayo celebration. For more information on the Fiesta Health and Fitness Expo, call Master Sgt. Ken Ramey at 228-0738.

Air Force Marathon

Registration is underway for the 2003 U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled to be held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 20. Reduced fees for early registration are available until June 30. The registration deadline is Sept. 4. To register, or for more information, visit the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/> or call the marathon office at (937) 257-4350 or toll free at (800) 467-1823.



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After a Davis-Monthan Air Force Base firetruck-led parade, children in baseball and softball uniforms were welcomed onto the baseball field by Sammy Sidewinder, the mascot of the Tucson Sidewinders, during the base youth center's season opening ceremonies Saturday. Youth baseball season started Monday.

D-M youths celebrate, start to 'Play Ball'

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Spring has sprung and in America that means "play ball."

A Davis-Monthan Air Force Base fire truck, followed by almost 200 girls and boys in baseball and softball uniforms, took a route through base housing to stop at a ball field for the first game of the season Saturday.

Roadrunner Little League has been in existence for approximately 11 years. It is comprised of children ages five to 12. The 15 teams include four T-ball teams, four coach-pitch teams, four minor teams, two major teams and one girls major softball team.

"This league would not be a success without the volunteer assistance of over fifty men and women that serve as coaches, umpires, team parents, scorekeepers and groundskeepers," said Armando Bracamonte, Roadrunner Little League president, who anticipates a good season start.

Baseball leagues at D-M include T-ball, coach pitch, minor junior and major senior. Colors and names of each team resemble those of the American major league baseball teams. Younger divisions are developmental, while older age groups can be competitive.

During tryouts team players had to demonstrate catching and throwing the ball. "They tell you what team you are best for," said Dale Sperling, 11, son of Master Sgt. Jackey Sperling, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron weapons flight chief. Sperling was excited to start baseball and be a member of the Cubs

minor baseball team.

"I signed up to play softball because my little brother signed up to play baseball," said Rebecca St. Clair, 12, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Timothy St. Clair, 25th Operational Weather Squadron weather apprentice. "I think it will be fun. We've been practicing for three weeks."

First aid and CPR training, along with 25 years' experience playing baseball on D-M's women's team, qualified Shasta Petersen to become a National Youth Sport Coaches Association certified coach at the D-M Youth Center. She coaches the Marlins, a coach-pitch team of which her daughter, an Air Force dependent, is a member.

"So far, so good," said Petersen. "We have a great bunch of kids."

The only girl on a T-ball team last year looked forward to playing again. This year she is a member of the Cubs. Mattie Lake, five, daughter of Staff Sgt. Ken Meyers, 362nd Training Squadron instructor, lined up outside for the parade smiling proudly in her uniform.

"It's inexpensive, she's making friends, having fun and getting exercise," said Heather Meyers, Mattie's mom.

After the national anthem, the base's youth of the year, Jason Wakefield, threw out the first pitch. Wakefield competed in youth of the quarter and year at the base youth center and competed for the same title in Arizona. Soon he will compete against other youths at the Air Combat Command level.

Official baseball and softball games began Monday. For more information, or to get involved, call the youth center at 228-8844.

Scoreboard

Bowling

OWC

(Week 25)

Team	W-L
Forget About It	127-73
Bag Ladies	123-77
Shoulda Been	117-83
M*S*P*	108-92
Alley Cats	106-94
Raspberries	105-95
Pin Heads	94-106
High Game (Ladies): Alice Ramirez, 176	
High Series (Ladies): Sara Denzler, 501	

Intramural

(Week 30)

Team	W-L
EMS/AMMO	154-86
12th AF #1	150-90
SVS#1	146-94
755th OSS	146-94
AMARC Woodmill	140-100
AMARC #1	132-108
CPTS/MSSQ	123-117
CRS	120-120
SVS#2	113-127
25 OWS "Cats"	106-134
43rd	98-142
12 AF #2	92-148

COMM 88-152

MDG 72-168

High Game: AMARC Woodmill, 1132

High Game (Men): Kary Harris, 300

High Game (Ladies): Chach Jackson, 267

Phantom Mixed

(Week 25)

Team	W-L
So So's	129-71
The Cajuns	117-83
Alley Ooops	116-84
Gutter Busters	110-90
Sangre Caliente	110-82
Hit or Miss	98-102
Rat Pack	98-102

Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 28)

Team	W-L
Hit and Miss	142-82
Bad Beavers	139-85
Sunflower Gals	129-95
Monarchs	126-98
Aggravation	121-103
Dream Catchers	119-105
Alley Kats	114-110
Wee Bee Bad	112-112
Alley Angels	90-134
High Game (Team): Monarchs, 538	
High Game (Ladies): Diana Scott, 254	

High Series (Team): Monarchs, 1487
High Series (Ladies): Arlene Cook, 622

CE Mixed Trio

(Week of March 27)

Team	W-L
Good, Bad & Ugly	30.5-17.5
Powerball	28-20
BJ's Buns	28-20
The Cans	23-25
Cruisers	23-25
Brew Crew	22-26
Sigma Five	21.5-26.5
Just-4-Fun	16-32

Thursday Night

(Week 27)

Team	W-L
Four Seas	136-88
PBJ's	134-90
Man On	133-91
PC's	132-92
Shaka	130-94
May Bees	126-98
No Fear	123-101
Mission Impossible	108-116
Caps & Cars	99-125
Hot Chili Peppers	98-126
Strikes & Spares	94-130
Mickey's Mavericks	90-134
FUBAR	86-138
Ice Breakers	79-145
High Game (Team): Man On, 784	
High Game (Men): Danny Atkins, 269	
High Game (Ladies): Lori McCaferty, 222	
High Series (Team): Man On, 2259	

DMAFB Pee Wee

(Week 32)

Team	W-L
Pee Wee #2	48-39
Pee Wee #1	39-48
High Game (Boy): Cam, 119	
High Game (Girl): Molli, 96	
High Series (Boy): Cam, 234	
High Series (Girl): Molli, 221	

DMAFB Bantams

(Week 27)

Team	W-L
Tigers of Terror	73-35
X-Bowls	63.5-44.5
The Good Team	45-63
Tuxedos	34.5-73.5

DMAFB Preps

(Week 29)

Team	W-L
3 Righteys and a Lefty	68.5-47.5
Strikers Five	59-57
Double Trouble	54-62
Pin Busters	50.5-65.5

DMAFB Juniors/Majors

(Week 29)

Team	W-L
Hit 'Em Up Boyz	80-36
Desert Strikers	66-50
Fireballs	64.5-51.5
Brunswick Bruins	61-55
One Pin Too Short	55-61
The Roadrunners	54.5-61.5
Vacant Team	26-86

Sports Shorts

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Cosmic bowling

The D-M bowling center sponsors cosmic bowling Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children younger than 16 years receive their rental shoes free. For more information, call the bowling center at 228-3461.

Dang Soo Do (Korean Karate)

Learn traditional martial arts as they are taught in Korea. Classes focus on practical self-defense, physical fitness, self-discipline, respect and etiquette. Adult classes are located in the fitness and sports center, and are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. Youth and youth advanced classes are also available. Sun Pumarejo, Third Degree Black Belt, teaches the classes. For more information, call 990-1144, or visit the Web site at: www.jkim.com.



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Services and activities offered by the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base chapel are listed below. Location is at the Desert Dove Chapel unless otherwise noted. The Desert Dove and Hope Chapels share the parking lot at 5385 E. Ironwood. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and women's, men's and family ministry, call the chapel at 228-5411.

Easter weekend schedule

Catholic Mass schedule

Good Friday: Service is at 3 p.m.

Saturday: Easter Vigil is at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m.

Protestant Services schedule

Good Friday: Service is at Hope Chapel at noon.

Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service is at Heritage Park at 6:30 a.m. There is a breakfast immediately following at Hope annex. All are welcome. Contemporary Service is at 8:30 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. There will be no Sunday school.

Education Services

Changes to commissioning briefings

In May, the commissioning briefing held at 8 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month, will be at 9 a.m. instead. The next commissioning briefing is May 14 at 9 a.m. For more information, call Michelle Marinelli at 228-4249 or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.

MGIB Top-Up Program

The law authorizing Top-Up states that in order for a service member to utilize Top-Up, they must be receiving tuition assistance for the course for which the Top-Up is being claimed. Top-Up also has its own rate cap and is limited to the monthly amount at which the individual would be paid for a given academic load while a veteran. For more information, call 1-800-827-1000.

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While on active duty, members may receive a lower monthly rate than their basic MGIB rate. They can use the MGIB entitlement at the same rate as if they were receiving the maximum monthly rate and will be charged one month for each full-time month of training. They will receive the cost of course(s) distributed over the period of the term and still be charged the number of months of that term. For more information, call 1-888-442-4551 or 1-800-827-1000.

Family Support Center

Veterans affairs brief

A veterans affairs representative provides group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits Monday in Room 266 of Building 3200. Appointments are from 9 to

10:30 a.m., noon to 1:30 p.m. or 2 to 4:00 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time For Tots

There are Time for Tots programs Tuesday and April 29 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Parents meet other parents while children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Right Start Base Orientation

There is a Right Start Base Orientation Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the officers club. The program is designed to welcome all newcomers to D-M and Tucson and features information on the variety of programs and services available. Free child care is available. For more information, call 228-5690.

Deployed Spouse Info Seminar

There is a Deployed Spouse Information Seminar April 28 at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Hope Chapel. Free babysitting is provided. There will be speakers, lots of information and an opportunity to sign up for readiness programs. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Smooth Swingin' Sunday

There is a big band dance salute to the troops April 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 181 West Broadway Boulevard. Featuring national dance champion Jeannie Tucker with Rudy Sudigala's 18-piece Big Band Orchestra, a pasta buffet and dance lessons, the event is non-smoking and is \$12 per person, \$6 for active duty and students and free for children 12 years and younger. For more information, call 325-4100.

Furniture Expo

There is a free Southern Arizona Small Business General Services Administration Furniture EXPO April 29 from 8 a.m. to noon at the officers club. Co-sponsored by GSA and 355th Contracting Squadron this is an opportunity to meet with small businesses who hold GSA furniture contracts. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Rhonda Chavez at 228-4180.

Thrift shop

The D-M thrift shop, located in Building 3220, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are taken until 1 p.m. To reserve space for large items and furniture, call 228-2120.

New hours for Airman's Attic

The new hours of operation for the Airman's Attic are Thursdays from 4 to 6:45 p.m. and the second Saturday of each month from 3 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 228-4098.

Beautification week

Family housing beautification week is

Monday through April 25. During clean-up week, all family housing and trailer park residents are expected to clean up yards and exterior areas around their homes. There are prizes for the top three most improved houses and yards. For more information, call housing management personnel at 228-6609.

Movies

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for DOD ID card holders and their guests only. For the movie recording, call 748-1157.

Friday; 7 p.m.: Cradle 2 the Grave

(R) Adversaries by code but allied by circumstance, a gang leader teams up with an enigmatic agent to wage war on their common enemy, an international criminal. But the situation becomes extremely personal as one fights to exact revenge against the man who once tried to take his life and the other fights to rescue his kidnapped daughter. 1 hour, 40 minutes



Saturday; 2 p.m.: The Jungle Book 2

(G) When Mowgli gets restless in his new village home, he returns to the jungle life, leaving behind his girlfriend who's afraid of the wild animals Mowgli is used to. As it turns out, she's right to be, as Mowgli's old nemesis, the tiger named Shere Khan, is out for revenge. Can his old friends help Mowgli avoid Khan's lethal claws? 1 hour, 12 minutes



Saturday; 7 p.m.: Gods and Generals

(PG-13) A prequel to the film Gettysburg, this sweeping epic charts the early years of the Civil War and how the campaigns unfolded. Starring Robert Duvall as Robert E. Lee and Stephen Lang as General "Stonewall" Jackson, it explores the motivations of the combatants and examines the lives of those who waited at home. 3 hours, 49 minutes



Sunday: The Life of David Gale

(R) David Gale is a devoted father, popular professor and respected death penalty opponent who finds himself on death row for rape and murder. Three days before his execution, Gale agrees to give Bitsey Bloom the exclusive interview. But Bitsey soon realizes the assignment is more than she



bargained for and must race to piece together events surrounding the death before it's too late. 2 hours, 10 minutes

Services Activities

Teen Job Ready Training

The youth center conducts Teen Job Ready Training Tuesdays in April from 6 to 7 p.m. The following are the remaining classes for teens ages 13 to 18 years: today covers punctuality and attendance; April 28 covers interpersonal skills. For more information, or to sign up, stop by the youth center or call 228-8373.

Easter Egg hunts

The youth center hosts several Easter Egg hunts today for children of all ages on the ball fields by the shoppette. Children will hunt for special Easter eggs with prizes inside thanks to nearly \$300 in prize donations from KGUN 9. Times for the hunts are as follows: three-year olds and younger at 9:30 a.m., four-to-five-year olds at 9:45 a.m., six to eight year olds at 10 a.m., nine to 12 year olds at 10:15 a.m. and a teen Easter Egg hunt by flashlight at 8 p.m. For more information, call the youth center at 228-8484.

Auto skills center overnighter

The auto skills center opens at 9 a.m. today and will remain open until 9 p.m. Saturday to give patrons an opportunity to work on vehicles overnight. Refreshments will be available from 5 p.m. today until 9 a.m. Saturday. There is a coupon in the Services Magazine for two free hours of lift or stall time during the 36-hour period. The center will be closed for business Sunday and is closed Mondays. For more information, call 228-3614.

Grand Canyon backpacking trip

Join outdoor recreation to hike one of the seven natural wonders of the world May 1 through 5. Interested hikers need to reserve a spot soon as the trip fills up fast. The hike departs from outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. May 1 and returns at approximately 5 p.m. May 5. Cost is \$225 per person and includes transportation, two nights hotel lodging, two nights camping fees, backpacking permit and any equipment needed. Hikers need to bring food, drinks and snacks. Participants must

attend the pre-trip meeting Wednesday at 5 p.m. at outdoor recreation and pay at least half of the fees at that time. For more information, visit outdoor recreation or call 228-3736.

Logo design contests

The youth center is sponsoring a contest that runs through Wednesday for the best Air Combat Command Teen Lock-In logo design. The winner will go on to compete at the ACC level. For details and rules on the contest, stop by or call the youth center at 228-8373.

Horseback trail rides

Ride the trails on horseback in the Huachuca Mountains April 26. Children must be at least seven years old to ride. Cost is \$20 and trip departs from outdoor recreation at 7 a.m. For more information, call 228-3736.

The Price is Right trip

Join the Information, Tickets and Travel Office to see the Price Is Right game show in Los Angeles April 27 and 28. Trip departs at 8 a.m. and returns April 28 at approximately midnight. For more information, call ITT at 228-3700.

New potato bar at Stormy's

Stop by Stormy's and try out a hot potato with a large variety of toppings after their brand new potato bar opens Monday. With every purchase from the potato bar from Monday through May 2, your name will be placed in a drawing to win one of four Mr. Potato Head games. For more information call 228-3500.

Day in the Park

April is the Month of the Military Child and the Family Member Programs Flight will host the 12th annual "Day in the Park" from 9 a.m. to noon April 26 at Bama Park. All D-M families and children ages six months to 18 years are invited to attend. The event features free hotdogs, door prizes, hands-on art activities, games, a magic show and demonstrations from several D-M agencies including a fire truck and ambulance. For more information, call 228-3336 or 228-4933.

Services Activities

Arts and Crafts Center	228-4385
<i>Tues., Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. noon to 4 p.m.</i>	
Auto Skills Center	228-3614
<i>Tues. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m.</i>	
Blanchard Golf Course	228-3734
<i>Daily, sunrise to sunset</i>	
Bowling Center	228-3461
<i>Mon. - Thurs., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sat. noon to 11:30 p.m.</i>	
Cabana Pizza	747-3234
<i>Mon. 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tues. - Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. 1 to 10 p.m.; Sun. 1 to 8 p.m.</i>	
Child Development Center	228-3336
<i>Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.</i>	
Community Center	228-3717
<i>Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. 6 p.m.</i>	
Desert Oasis Enlisted Club	228-3100
<i>Call for events and hours</i>	
Eagles Nest Restaurant	228-7066
<i>Located at the Golf Course: Daily, 5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.</i>	
Enlisted Club Barber Shop	748-8710
<i>Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	
Family Child Care	228-2201
<i>Mon. to Fri. 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</i>	
Fitness and Sports Center	228-0022
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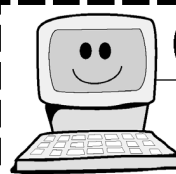
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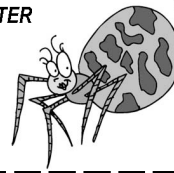
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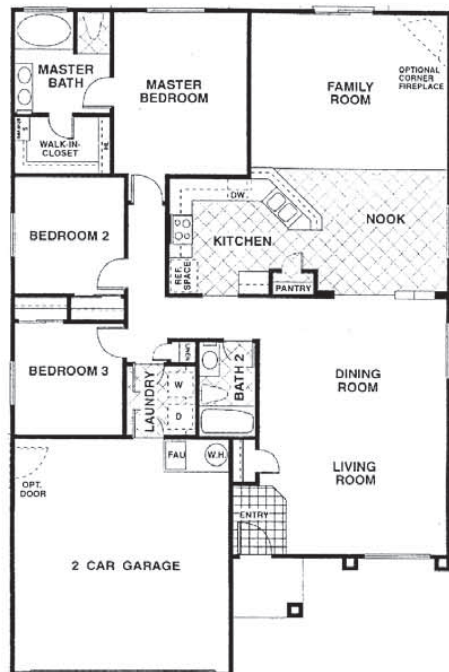
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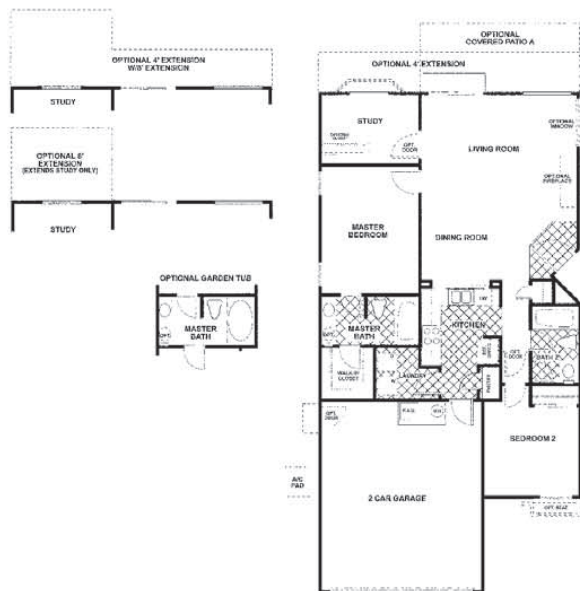
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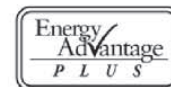
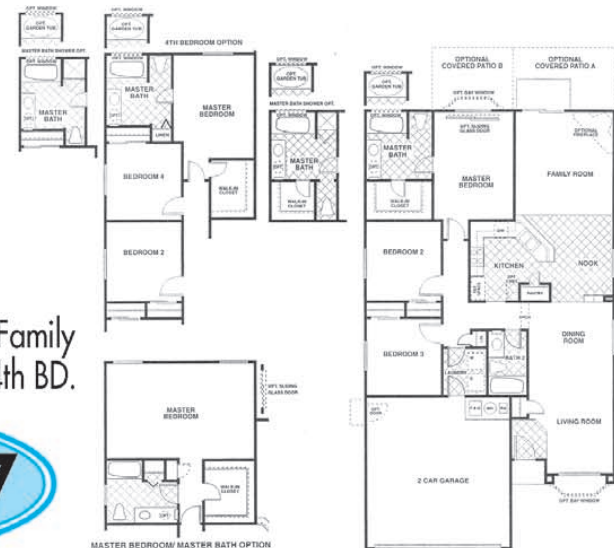
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